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This is UNEVALUATED Information			

1. Motor vehicle observed unloading shipment at the Eisenach freight station on 26 April 1955

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2. At 0815 on 29 April, the first exercise started at the Kindel training grounds. Some 500 soldiers advanced from the distance toward the edge of a woods and stopped some 200 meters from the woods. The attack was supported by 7 tanks, presumably T-34/85s. The exercise was repeatedly discontinued. Officer briefings were apparently held in the intervals.
3. According to Major Herrmann, commanding officer of the border police unit stationed in the Panzer Kaserne (8082) in Eisenach, elements of his unit conducted joint exercises with Soviet units. an estimated 500 Soviet soldiers and some 60 Soviet officers were stationed at Kindel.²

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1. Comment. elements of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were stationed at the Kindel training grounds.

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2. Comment. It is believed that the border police was employed only in guard missions in connection with Soviet exercises.

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